

# PATENT APPLICATION

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FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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## DECLARATION

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Modular Plumbing System;

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims;

I do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof for more than one year prior to the filing of the application filed herewith;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56;

the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to the filing of the application filed herewith;

the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of filing of the application filed herewith in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to the application filed herewith;

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application, and that I believe such information is included in the above identified application; and

no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to the date of filing of the above identified application by me or my legal representatives or assigns.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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As the sole named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and agent(s) listed below to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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